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SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birkey Street

This is a continued report of what was said in the March 21 issue of *The Budget* regarding an invitation to speak at Malone College. When I entered the classroom it wasn't long until around 25 students gathered to hear what could be learned about the migrants.

The first speaker began by showing a slide presentation of quite a few of the old shack-like houses where some of the migrants lived. Also spoke of their poor living conditions and how hard it was for them to make a living. The last picture on the screen (and they held it for a long time) was that of the Congress Lake club house at Congress Lake. This is a club where many wealthy people belong and quite a few live around the lake. Large private golf courses are on both sides of the lake and only those who are known to be "well-to-do" are members.

What did this have to do with the migrant workers? Absolutely nothing. Other than to show the contrast between the rich and the poor. The students seemed to be attentive and the pictures that were shown gave me a good place to begin my talk.

The old shacks they saw, I told them were originally grain bins the U.S. government had sent in on railroad cars in the early 40s when there was a labor shortage due to the draft. These buildings were set up in rows and were used for sleeping quarters. There was a separate kitchen, dining hall, laundry and rest rooms.

The first group to arrive were from Jamaica and were placed in this camp. The growers would come to get their men in the morning and bring them back for lunch. The same way in the afternoon. The second year there was a group of blacks from one of the other islands. Since Graber, Chapman, Tope, Keyser and Gressinger were farming in parts of Fla. in the winter they began bringing their own help (colored) north in the spring. There were also many workers available from the Carolinas. The growers soon began to build their own camps with better buildings on their own land. The old shacks were sold or divided out among the growers and each one moved them to their farms.

When the migrants first came to the swamp they were without cars and a small grocery store opened in one of Grabers' buildings and they could walk to buy what they needed. Rice and beans were their main foods. The meat case always had a good supply of pig tails on hand throughout the week. I pointed out the many things the migrants learned by returning year after year. Their eating habits and their attitudes toward better living improved. There was a day care center built for the working mothers to bring their children. And they too learned much from Margaret Miller, a Christian colored lady who was in charge of that work. She was from Alliance, Oh. This building also provided a place of worship for them. The migrants were now buying cars and many were putting money in the bank. When I told the students that James Witter, who worked for Jerry Miller, made \$60 one day cleaning and bunching onions they were amazed. After I was finished speaking I invited them to come to Hartville and I would show them the swamp as well as camps and places they saw on the screen.

I was elated when the professor called and said the students were eager to come. A date and time was set. An itinerary of 8 stops were given to each of the 20 students.

Our one stop was at Zellers' camp where they could see a row of new white camp buildings. The next stop was an old house beside the road (where Jake Millers once lived) that hadn't seen paint for a long time and was leaning eastward, because it's foundations were sinking in the muck. I told them this was the home of an Owens family that had a son who excelled in sports that fall at Marlinton High School. The Owens family were good workers and were happy to come to Hartville because they could live better here than in the south.

After stopping at several other camps we made a stop at the day care center. Here we spent more time. Margaret Miller had been contacted and she explained to the students the work being done at the center.

The last stop was beside the swamp road, about a half a mile from the west end. When the group were all together I pointed westward where less than a mile on a small hill stood the beautiful Congress Lake club house. I told them this is where the wealthy have many good times, but doubted that they were as happy.

It was a good feeling to think that we took advantage of the opportunity to speak to these students. But what really blessed my heart was when several days later I received a beautiful letter (which I still have) written by Mr. Moshier with the signatures of him and the 20 students of the minorities class at Malone College.

Noah Gingerich

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

March 27--We are enjoying beautiful warm sunny weather with cool nights.

Last Tue. Mrs. Sam Petersheim returned to Fla. accompanied by her son Edward. She had been in Ill. for a month with her sick dau. On Thur. morn. Sam, Katie Ann and Edward left for their summer home in Ill. Al Helmuths have also left for their summer home in Ohio.

Last Tues. dinner guests with us were Sam, Katie Ann and Edward Petersheim of Ill. and Joe Yoder of Mich.

Sun. eve. Nelson Weaver, son of Jake and Anna Barb Weaver, passed away. He had pneumonia. He left a wonderful testimony. Funeral will be Wed. at Tourist Church.

Leaving on Fri. morn. for Kokomo are Ed Ottos and Susanna Otto.

David W. Millers left on Mon. for Iowa to attend the funeral of an 8-year-old nephew that suffocated in a corn bin, a son of Dennis and Judy Yoder.

Mattie L. Miller

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Estrada Street

March 30--We are all enjoying this nice and warm weather.

Sat., March 24 evening guests with Mattie Miller were Cathy Miller, Marie and Ruth Erb, Amanda Shetler, Rosanna Schlabach, Esther Coblentz, Mary and Betty Miller, Wilma Miller, Mary and Emma Yoder, Orpha H. Burkholder, Roy Mast, all from Ohio, Eugene Miller from Iowa, Eli Brennaman, Jonas A. Troyer, Ruth Ann Miller, Mary Emma Brennaman, Lillian Yoder and Mark Schmucker. Pizza was on the menu.

Sunday dinner guests with Alvin M. Millers were Andy M. Rabers, Andy A. Rabers, Roman J. Millers, Dan J. Stutzmans, Mattie Miller, Mrs. Firman Hostetler and son, all from Ohio, Ben J.K. Helmuth from Illinois, Jim Coles from Kansas and Dale Schrock and sons of Pinecraft area.

Wednesday, March 28 was the large funeral of Nelson Weaver, age 23, from Pinecraft area. He was the son of Jake and Anna Barbara Weaver.

Wednesday I received the sad news that my Ohio neighbor (Roman J. Kline) died. Reports were that he had a stroke on Tuesday.

Jake and Jenny Byler had a bicycle tumble Thursday evening. For more details ask the Bylers.

Thursday, March 29 supper guests with Andy D.C. Millers and Jake Bylers were Cathy Miller, Mattie Miller, Marie and Ruth Erb, all from Ohio. Evening guests were Junior A. Millers and children.

Mrs. Gideon D. Raber and son Aden from Ohio arrived yesterday at Pinecraft, Fla. with the Pioneer Trails bus. Plans are to spend a week vacation with friends and relatives.

The Pioneer Trails bus has plans to leave again tonight with a full load. About half of the load are people from Middlefield, Ohio. Mattie Miller

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

March 28--Sunnyside attendance Sun. was 184. Down 100 from Sun. before. Preaching by Herman Schmucker and Lester Gingerich.

Sun. eves. after services here, one or two families furnish and serve snacks to the youth at the fellowship hall. Sun. was the Lester Gingeriches and Mose B.'s turn and 51 youths were present. This included the Myakka City youths also.

Today will be buried at Sunnyside Cemetery, a young bro. that will be greatly missed by all Pinecraft residents and is probably known to all tourists that have been here for the last 20 or so years, Nelson J. Weaver, son of the Jake Weavers. He has 2 bros. and 1 sister in our membership.

Work is started on the market place on the corner of Bahia Vista and Beneva Rd. A Morton Market store is to be built and probably some others. The house across from the Tourist Church parking lot is torn down and 2 new houses are being built on it. About 1952 I laid up a brick chimney for Otha Shenk across Bahia Vista from the Tourist Church and that old house is still standing.

We are in need of rain. Fishing reports were very light until a week ago when the winds changed and temperatures dropped. The Gulf fishers are slaughtering them. Even Eli Wagler and others have turned to the boats instead of wading. They get silver trout and whitening.

One day Mel Mast's dog was barking at our downspout at the carport. We heard what sounded like a kitty mewing in it, but after removing the downspout, out dropped a 3 ft. copperhead snake with a tree frog's hind legs in its mouth and was not able to swallow the frog for size. The frog was released and hopped away but the snake was demolished with a shovel.

Our Sunday visitors were the Mark Overholts and Jason, Elmer Gingeriches, and Eli Waglers in honor of Mary Wagler's birthday. Also this week my nephew Levi Miller of Dalton, Ohio.

Mose & Mary

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

March 26--The water seems to be going down in the river. It crested at about 26½ ft. according to one report. It seemed so strange that it was flooding so yet we had only a light rain, one place as much as 16 inches, and much flooding. The report was the river was the highest in 60 yrs.

Quite a few people have had to vacate their homes this time. The river was still rising at White City last Saturday. That is about 40 miles south of us here.

Claus and Uta Haaren moved here from Germany going on 3 yrs. A friend of theirs came to visit them. Her first name is also Uta. I did not get her last name. Claus and his wife have a dairy on Steve Yoder's farm and use his milking parlor. They have their own cooler tank. They help Steve on his farm and dairy.

This friend and Mrs. Haaren and another German girl came here, so the 3 ladies decided to go some place. They traveled on to interstate highway. In Germany there is no limit on interstate roads, so they were going 80 miles per hr. Police stopped them and wanted to see her driver's license. She showed it to him. He looked at it and said, "No picture." She said, "No." The policeman could not read it, so he called somewhere. Then he came back with the driver's license and let them go.

John Ivan Byler of Delaware is here for meetings. He will be here till Friday evening.

Perry Yoders flew to Oregon and expect to stop to visit their daughter in Canada on their way back.

Abe and Orpha Headings are in Sarasota at present. Mike and Miriam Webster were here last week. They live at Opelika, Ala. They returned home Sat.

John Ivan Bylers had some unpleasant news awaiting them when they arrived here Friday night. Their 10-year-old son, Jonathan, had been in an accident at school that day and the police were looking for John Ivans in each state along the way, but they got all the way here before finding out about it. It seems their son had run into another child at school and was knocked out and fell to the pavement. His sinus bones were fractured which let air get to his brain. The doctors were afraid of infection but have been giving him antibiotics intravenously and he seems to be getting along real well, although one eye was still swollen shut yesterday. John Ivans have been keeping in touch with him by telephone. They are expecting that he will be released from the hospital today.

Last week I saw something I had never seen before in my life. I was driving my car down River Street to have a look at the river when I saw a fish crossing the street ahead of me. I drove a little farther and saw another one. Of course, the street was covered with water at that point. They were headed back toward the river.

Edward J. Yoder

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SARASOTA, FLORIDA

April 1--Had a much-needed rain with lightning and thunder.

Gospel tent meetings (Holdermans) are to be held each eve. this week, some groups coming from Louisville, Ga.

Funeral for Nelson Weaver (Jakes) brought in a lot of visitors from Jake's home area (Daviss Co.). Preaching was done by Min. Atlee Barkman (Ohio), Dea. Perry Miller of Sunnyside cong. and Min. Amos Horst. Burial at Sunnyside Cemetery.

Dinner guests in the Dannie Fry home today were Dan Hochstetlers, Ind., Anna & Esther Eash, Ind., Elizabeth & Eva Slaubaugh, Mich., Noah Stutzmans, Noah J. Millers & we.

Enos J. Yoders of Guthrie, Ky. are seen walking the streets of Pinecraft. Dan Hochstetlers and Dannie Frys plan to leave for their homes this week, with Katie Eicher of Mich. being the driver.

We plan to move out of our apartment this week into a house bought by Levi Yoders on Estrada St. The house, which was Christina Miller's years back, is only a few steps from Yoder's Restaurant. Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

April 4--The attendance at Sunnyside Sun. was 222. Preaching by Lester Gingerich and Daniel Miller in morning. Henry Yoder and Perry Miller in the evening.

The Church of God in Chris Menn. are having nightly evangelistic meetings this week close by here. About 30 of their members attended our Sun. morning services.

We had about 2" rain over the weekend. Temperature 58° this morning in what we call Yankee weather, "cold." Two days of sunshine and northeast wind had dried up the moisture.

I had heard Fla. called the land of big heads, newlyweds and half-deads.

But we have also some swell heads. I

do not mean swelled, but really swell as neighbors. We live in a duplex house and the Mel Masts live on the other side of the partition. Last Wed. night about 11 o'clock our door bell rang. Here was Mel who said you must have water overflowing in the house and it is getting into Rhoda's bedroom.

Here our commode tank had cracked in front, from top to bottom, and the water was gushing out. We had water all over the kitchen and dining area, living room and bedroom, and running out the door down the driveway. Mel and Jason came over with 2 water sucking cleaners and took up on the kitchen floor while I was shoveling it in the bathroom down the shower drain.

The next day Eli Wagler came and helped take things out of the bedroom and took up the rug. Yest. a new rug was put in. Ann and Paul Mast came and lugged the furniture, etc. back in again. Now it is again "hipsch und schee."

Mose & Mary

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

April 2--The Schlabach brothers and sisters were all together Sat. and Sun. That is Evangel Schlabach's family. They were formerly from Greenwood, Del. They had open house yesterday p.m. for any who wanted to visit them.

Philip Mullett and wife were here last night. They were at a wedding at Jay, Fla. so they stopped here. They are going to Sarasota to visit his uncle John Mullett there.

We had a good rain Fri. about 1½ in.

Albert Yoder of Greenwood is here visiting brothers and sister. He came with the Schlabach family from there. He will leave with them again.

Our Bible week classes with John Ivan Byler from Greenwood, Del. as instructor closed Friday night.

I was to have been admitted to the hospital this afternoon and have what they call an angioplasty procedure done on my heart in the morning, but the nurse called out this morning and postponed it for two days. Now I'm to go on Wed. afternoon and have the procedure done on Thurs. This is similar to a heart catheterization except that they go in with a balloon to open up the heart arteries.

Edward J. Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Estrada Street

April 6--We are having some cool nights. 60 degrees in the mornings.

Sunday, April 1 dinner guests with Verba E. Yoder were Mrs. Gideon D. Raber and son Aden, and the writer, all from Ohio.

Wednesday, April 4th evening guests with Mattie Miller was Anna Mae Raber and Aden Raber from Ohio.

Thursday, April 5th supper guests with Ray and Linda Miller were Eugene Miller from Iowa, Dave Miller, Mary H. Wengerd, Mary and Emma A. Yoder, Mary and Betty B. Miller, and Laura Gingerich from Illinois. Evening guest was the writer. In honor of Mary Wengerd and Mary Yoder's farewell, also Betty Miller's birthday.

Pinecraft has been cleaning house the last while, as it's getting pretty empty again. The Pioneer Trails Bus has plans to leave tonight again with probably a full load. The northerners are going back home to enjoy some snow and cold weather yet.

Mattie Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birky Street

April 2--Almost before we get a chance to say that the multitude of winter tourists is dwindling, it's too late. They're all gone (and only I am here to tell you). No, there are still a few around yet but about every day there are some heading out Fruitville Road to get on I-75 north. Our neighbors, Henry Kroekers, left for their Okla. home on Sat. His brother Paul and wife and two sisters came to pick them up in their van.

As much as we would like to mention everyone of our friends names that we meet here in Florida, it would be impossible. But when someone says they think they'll discontinue getting The Budget if we don't mention their name, then we'll sit up and take notice. These words came from the lips of Mrs. Mose (Edna) Miller from our home area in Hartville. Though it's been quite some time ago, it's like the saying goes; "better late than never." Mose and Edna came down here about every winter for a while and its always good to see them. Mose is reaching retirement age and he has been a plumber most of his life. He has done us a lot of good over the years and no job was too small or too big. One job especially remember him doing that is not easily forgotten.

Those of you who knew Mose will agree that he was the next size "up" from medium build. He was called out to our house once to fix a leak in the half-bath on the first floor. This little room must not have been over 3 x 4 feet and with a vanity and toilet, there wasn't much floor space left. When we arrived that morning I told him I wasn't sure if he could get in. He took a look at the room and then dryly remarked; "I think if I take off my overshoes I can make it."

Did you read the poem on page 8 of the March 21st Budget entitled "An Under Cover Man?" It appears that this man lives on Birky Street. If he does he must still be under the covers because there is some Birky Street business that should be taken care of. Birky is about 3/10 of a mile in length and runs east and west from Kaufman Ave. to Beneva Road. Hines Ave. crosses Birky half way between. On the east side of Hines there are 18 houses. On the west side there are 13 houses and 5 mobile homes. Some-time ago the folks on the east side got together one evening for a carry-in meal and fellowship at the Nelson S. Miller home. Some folks on the west are just a little upset because the inviting stopped in Hines. We happened to live on the west side and you may call our side "Irky" Street, if you please (by the way if you think I wrote that poem, you're mistaken).

Bill Miller from Hartville, known as "Muck Bill" to some has spent a week in the hospital instead of in the gulf fishing. Bill is a deceiver if there ever was one. When you see him walking (quite often), he does it with ease. When he goes fishing he doesn't seem to lack energy or stamina. He doesn't look under nourished nor over fed. There is nothing you see on the outside that would indicate any health problems. But Bill does have problems. The heart of his problems is his heart. Over the years he's had surgery at the Cleveland Clinic and at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. So much surgery has been done already that another one would not be advisable. Only one vein remains open and the doctors hope with proper medication new veins will develop. He is to be released from the hospital today, but the doctors want him to stay here till June so they can work with him. All of their children were here from Hartville last Sunday.

Lester A. Yoder from Goshen, Ind. is a good man. He can smile and speak softly even when hurting a little on the inside. Recently at one of our Mennonite restaurants it cost him \$121 dollars by the time it was all over with. \$26 dollars for a pie and three dinners and \$95 dollars to get his car after it was towed away. The car was parked on the restaurants parking lot a short while before it opened up. They did a little other busi-

ness before returning and getting in line to eat. When they and their son Romane had finished eating, the car was gone. When they inquired about it they were told they could pick it up on Clark road, not far away. I wonder if I should trade my van on a wrecker or just put a hoist behind it.

Floyd and Edna Beiler and daughter Carmen arrived here today from Ohio. They came by air and will be staying a week. Floyd has four brothers living here. They stopped in at our house a little while. The Beiler family own and operate Beilers Penn Dutch market in Uniontown, Ohio. They have a thriving business, selling bulk foods, fresh produce, bologna and cheeses. Noah Gingerich

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Estrada Street

April 12--We received a good shower of rain yesterday morning and it cooled off a little.

Sunday dinner guests with Mrs. Susanna Gerber were Willis and Vera Troyer from LaGrange, Indiana, Sarah McGuire, Eli and Mary Wagler, Elizabeth Mott, Adeline Richer, Rachel Wagler, Mose B. and Mary Miller. Evening guests were Vera Kipfer, Mary Yoder and Lydia Ann Bontrager from Goshen, Indiana.

Mark Schmucker from Guys Mills, Pa., Artie Wagler from Daviess Co., Ind., Eli Brennaman, Leroy Stutzman, Joni and Glenn Bontrager, Mike, Larry and Monica Raber, Harley Yoder, Roy Mast, Tim Kline, Albert and Brenda Brennaman, Emma A. Yoder, Lillian Yoder, Sarah Hostetler and Mattie Miller all enjoyed a barbecue supper at the Siesta Key Beach Sunday evening, April 8th in honor of Eli Brennaman and Joni Bontrager's farewell.

Harry and Mary Wagler and Neal Troyer, all from Ohio, are spending their vacation in Florida visiting friends and relatives. They are living at Susanna Gerber's tenant house and have plans to leave again on Easter Monday on Pioneer Trails Bus.

Monday evening, April 9th guests with Dan J. Stutzmans were Robert and Nora Yoder, Andy N. Millers and girls from Ohio.

Lizzie Ann Beachy arrived back to Pinecraft, Florida again today with Pioneer Trails Bus after spending a few months in Ohio taking care of her mother and her aunt. Has plans to spend a few weeks' vacation before returning to Ohio.

Mattie Miller

DADE CITY, FLORIDA

Sunnyside Mission Outreach

April 2--Friday rain finally broke our dry spell. It will take a lot of rain to get the Florida water level up where it usually is.

Friday 3 weeks ago Marvin and Linda Yoder and 5 children, Ragina 18, Nadine 17, Marietta 14, Steven 10 and Ruth 5 moved into our area from Indiana. Their address is: 38508 Central Ave. Zephyrhills, Fl. 33540 and Ph.# 904-788-1513. Marvin had the message for us on Sunday. Gary Mullet was our only visitor.

The David Sommers family are in Ohio etc. for a wedding and ministers' meetings. They left Friday the 23rd of March and plans are to be back home Sat. the 7th of April.

I now am a first-time aunt. My sister Naomi (Wilmer) Martin from Friedensburg, Pa. had a son on March 31st. His name is Steven Lynn. He was born 3 weeks premature. Seems healthy other than slight breathing problems. Our daughter, Melva Kaylene is almost a year old now, so this makes two grandchildren for my parents, Jerry and Tillie Troyer from Golden City, Mo.

April 8th will be baptismal services here for Eugene and Karen Wengerd, children of Joe and Mary Wengerd.

The evening of April 11th, will be council meeting at Sunnyside Fellowship, then on Easter Sunday, April 15th will be communion, also at Sunnyside Fellowship. David, Erma & Melva Baker

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

April 11--Partly cloudy today and had a few drops of rain this morning.

Sunnyside attendance 157 with some gone to Dade City. Lester Gingerichs also went up in the evening and baptized two Weaver girls into membership there. David Graber served in the evening here with a topic.

Sunday preaching at Sunnyside by Herman Schmucker and Alvin Stutzman. Seven new members were added to Sunnyside, Herman and Ruthie Schmucker, Mary Ellen Graber, Beulah and Brenda Yoder, Lewis and Karen Weaver. Lewis is a brother to the late deceased Nelson Weaver.

On account of our water shortage we are only allowed to water lawns 3 days a week. Car washing, 10 minutes at a time. Bathing when needed. Now this Friday it will be changed to 2 times a week only.

I have a lot of old leaf mulch in a pit. I will mulch the flower beds with it to preserve moisture.

We have about 50 summer poinsettia plants set out now and about 2 foot high. I have had them to 8 ft. at times.

The Willis Troys of Pa. are here taking care of Old Noah Beachy and Willis has been helping lower the Gulf waters by removing fish. He is a cousin of my Mary and he gave us a couple messes fish, cleaned but not fried. Eli Wagler gave us a couple meals earlier and that was our first fresh fish meal for over a year.

Mose & Mary

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

April 8--We are having cool nights and beautiful days, but in need of rain.

Jake and Phyllis Weaver left on Tues. morning for Ohio. Phyllis is not well at all.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mott will be moving to Lulu Gingerich's apt. in the next 2 weeks. Lulu is now living at her nephew Jerry Yoders' and soon will be leaving for Mich. Ike Lanzt has bought Lulu's house on Estrada.

Harf Schlabach hasn't been feeling very good either. Roman Yoders of Tex. have moved to Estrada, in Amanda Yoder's house.

Marion Yoder fell and hurt his neck and back and is having pains.

Mrs. Fannie Kinsinger of Ind. is vacationing a couple of weeks in Pinecraft. Mattie Miller and Joe Yoder left for a few weeks in Mich. Pharis Fishers plan to leave this week for their summer home in Pa.

Today Mrs. Dan Hershberger left for Sugarcreek, Oh. after apending a few weeks with her dau., Mrs. Wyne Bontrager.

Mrs. Manas Bontrager and son Enos are here visiting her son and bro. Jr. Bontrager and family. Jr. is at the Sunnyside Nursing Home and is not well.

Levi Yoder of Yoders' Restaurant is not able to be up much at a time. Sure a word of encouragement would cheer him up.

If plans hold out Jacob Kramers of Pa. and Mrs. Sarann Wireman of Dela. will be here by Tues. to visit the writer for a week or so.

Mrs. E. Troyer-

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

April 9--We had a little rain last week, also had a little frost Sun. morning, April 8th. Some people saw some frost on their gardens.

Ivan Nissleys went to Cuthbert, Ga. yesterday and ministered to them there. Dan Yoder preached here.

Yvonne Brown (Mrs. Fred Brown) had an appendectomy last week. Seems to be doing o.k. now. She has been having trouble for some time, but could not seem to locate it.

I also was in again with blockage of the heart. Before they tried to treat with medication but did not seem to get any results. This time they did angioplasty, putting a balloon up in the artery and expanding it. This seems to have done the trick as I now feel much better. I can take a deep breath without pain which I could not do before.

The Dave Yoder family are planning a reunion this week here. They are renting the Church of God campground in Marianna to accommodate everyone.

The river is going down now. It was 12' 8" this morning, which is about 14 ft. below what it was at the highest.

Mrs. Glennys Schrock is quite tickled with the twin grandsons she has. They were born to Steve and Lenora Longenecker of Birmingham, Ala. on April 4th. They are Derek Paul, 5 lb. 8 oz. and Eric Steven, 5 lb. 4 oz.

Jonas Ray and Emma Bontrager and Dorcas and Danny left Friday morning for a trip to Illinois and Michigan. Their oldest daughter Rhonda is teaching school in Illinois.

Ransford and Chris Heatwole, with their three children from Del. are visiting Sadie Bissey the first part of this week. We plan to have them here on Wed. My wife knew Ransford as a little boy when she was teaching in Jamaica and his parents were also missionaries there. Sis. Sadie knew Christine from the time she was a baby as she lived in her parents' home during the years she was teaching in Del.

Edward J. Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birky Street

April 10--If you can't "lick'em" join them. This is the mood we're in just now. We couldn't keep our northern tourist friends here any longer, and since most of them left we'll join them next week. So that means my next letter should be headed Uniontown, Ohio & Hoover Ave.

Where in the world could you go and find a hitching rack for horses at a McDonald's? In Middlefield, of course. This, they say, is a first and it was on T.V. but I got it straight from the horses' mouth. I had the privilege of hauling some Geauga Co. Amish not long ago and they told me this.

The Geauga folks led me to some interesting places. The first one was to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Johnson in Sun City Center, Fl. and if you've ever heard of the Johnson Rubber factory up Geauga way, then I'd like to tell you I met this man that started the company. The Johnson couple are retired and have been coming to Florida for 20 years. For many of those years they just spent the winters here but are now permanent residents. I guess the main reason is because of their age. Their combined years are 187. He is 5 years older than his wife. What are their ages? They live in an allotment where only elderly retirees live. There is a large shopping center nearby and these folks drive back and forth on golf carts. The city allows it and says it's safer for all than if they drove cars.

If you are wondering what connection these Geauga Amish had with the Johnsons, let me explain. Andy Miller worked at Johnson Rubber for 36 years and his brother Ervin for 26 years. The Millers had their wives along and I soon saw the Johnsons and the Millers are good friends.

There were other family members of the above two couples here and we had a nice afternoon at the Arcadia sale. This was one of those days when there was more action than usual in the sales ring. Those of you who have been there know what I'm talking about. Some of the calves and yearlings just in from their isolated pasture homes don't know how to act when they get away from home. And they are not people lovers like some people are animal lovers. When they get out in the ring and see the crowd of

people seated above them, they lose all sense of tameness, if they ever had any. Some even seem to be possessed with an evil spirit. Those are the ones that try to bolt into the crowd by leaping at the buyers seated in the front row. There are 2-inch pipes spaced (about 16 inches) apart on top of a 5-foot solid wall and seldom does one go through, but it has happened. On that day there were many attempts made but the best they could do was throw a lot of sawdust from the ring's floor. The buyers were seen brushing it off.

After unloading the Geauga people I drove out to the cemetery where the 7 Richardson children are buried. 6 of these died in one day and another the next day from being poisoned (intentionally) with mixing parathion in their food. This happened in 1967. This was the second time I have been there. Many sobering thoughts go through a person's mind as you view these individual graves. If I had it to do over again I'd pull the weeds around them.

When we wrote about the 90-year-olds this winter there was one that was missed. Even though we probably saw her every Sunday at the Tourist Church I had no way of knowing that Mrs. Eli Overholt was in that category. A visit at her house on Saturday morning was informative and refreshing. Even though we did not know her personally that well, some things she had to say seemed to bring us closer together. When we learned that she lived most of her life in the Centreville, Mi. area, I had some questions for her.

My wife, Lucy, was born in Centreville in 1915 to Gideon and Anna (Hochstetler) Mullet. My first question was, "did she know them?" She not only knew them but she also worked for them when she was a girl. My second question was, "Did she know Noah A.E. Miller and his wife Maryann?" She not only knew them, but she was a sister to Noah. My third question, "Did you know Maryann's brother Ed Hochstetler also from there?" Now there was no connection here but she vividly remembers when Gideon, Maryann and Ed died within 24 hours of each other in 1918 of flu. All three caskets were placed side by side in one large grave. To my wife's mother, Anna Hostetler, it was her husband, brother and sister. Burial was at Hartville, Ohio.

Mrs. Eli (Polly Miller) Overholt was born Oct. 8, 1899. The couple were married on Christmas day in 1919. Eli passed away July 17, 1989 at age 87. As you can see their years together were almost 70 years. Only five of their ten children grew to adulthood. Polly has 17 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren. Eli and Polly had been Pinecraft residents in the winter months for about 20 years. In Michigan she lives in a mobile home on the property of her daughter Irene and husband Clarence Troyer. Arthritis is her greatest health problem.

Another widow lady we need to mention, who will be 97 in July, is Nellie Nissley who is in the Sunnyside Nursing Home. When you see her in the dining and fellowship hall with many of the other women, she is not hard to find because she always wears her covering. We've known her for quite a few years. When she attended the Tourist church she was a great scripture "quoter." A Charles T. Barrett from East Freedom, Pa. wrote to me inquiring about her. He said her husband J.M. Nissley was their preacher when they were in Altoona, Pa. He also said Nellie was from Grantsville, Md. and her husband Joseph was from Lancaster, Pa. I took the letter with me when I visited her last week. She seemed to remember that name.

Noah Gingerich

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

April 13--Council meeting was held the 8th. Will have communion on Easter, Sam Weaver had opening. I read scripture, Mose Coblentz had main part.

Those that came here last evening to sing were Bish. Felty Yoders, Elmer Bontragers, Andy Yoders and Dan Marners. Also Ernie and Naomi Swartz called.

Other recent callers were Owen Schlabach, Trenton, Ky., Lester Mulletts, Sugar creek, Oh., David J. Weaver, LaGrange, Ind., Simon and Ronnie Slabough, Nappanee, Ind., Enos and Susie Yoder, Guthrie, Ky., Mel and Anna Kauffman, Trenton, Ky.

Mrs. Harve Yoder, Nappanee, Ind. is ill with a stroke.

Tim Swartzentruber, my grandson who lived in my trailer, left for his home at Goshen, Ind. He worked as waiter in Dutch Oven restaurant.

Menno Swartzentruber

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

April 15--Right now we hear a soft pitter-patter of rain which is quite welcome, and has turned somewhat cooler.

Mary Miller somehow made a misstep off an offset in their carport and caused to give her a torn ligament in her foot, which was quite painful.

Junior Bontrager still remains a patient in the hospital with several complications. His mother, Mrs. Anna Bontrager and son Enos of Ind. are here to be with the family.

Noah & Lucy Gingerich plan to leave for their Ohio home this week.

Word was received here of the passing on of Mrs. Mark Brenneman of Montezuma, Ga.

We have now moved out of our one-room apt. into a house bought by Levi Yoders, owners of Yoder's Restaurant, on 3441 Estrada St.

Mrs. Noah J. Miller is as well as can be expected. Her walking has not improved any, without having much pain.

Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Estrada Street

April 26--April 13 supper guests with Mary and Betty Miller were Amanda Shetler, Esther W. Coblenz, Rosie Schlabach, Emma Yoder, Lizzie Ann Beachy, Mattie Miller, Leroy Stutzman, all from Ohio, Eugene Miller, Mary Emma Brennaman, Lillian Yoder, Roy H. Mast, Jonas Troyer and Ruth Ann Miller, in honor of Roy, Jonas, Ruth, Mary and Betty's farewell supper. Hays-tack was on the menu. Evening guests were Eli Brennaman and Mark Schmucker.

Sunday, April 15 evening guests with Homer and Mary Knepp were Lillian Yoder from Indiana, Emma Yoder, Liz-zie Ann Beachy, Mary and Betty Miller, Mattie Miller, Amanda Shetler, Esther Coblenz, Rosanna A. Schlabach, Carol Hostetler, all from Ohio, Ellen Miller, Ray and Linda Miller, Jonas Troyer and Ruth Ann Miller from Pinecraft area, in honor of Ruth Ann Miller's bridal shower. Cake, ice cream and snacks were served.

Harry and Mary Wagler, Neal J. Troyer, Jonas A. Troyer, Ruth Ann Miller, Mary and Betty Miller, all from Ohio, Dan Lehman, Andy Yoders, Barbara Hochstetler from Indiana and many more left Monday evening with Pioneer Trails bus to go back north again after spending vacation and winter months in Florida. Mattie Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

April 15--Amish had their commun-ion services today.

David Graber brought the message at Tourist this evening.

Jr. Bontrager is in the hospital and not well at all. His mother and son Enos are still here but plan to leave on Pioneer bus tomorrow evening.

On Thurs. morning Sam Overholtzes, John Planks, Sovilla and Lucy Mast left for Ill. with Ivan Bender as driver to attend the funeral of Mrs. Henry Mast. The Mast children also went but by themselves.

Mrs. Bill Wireman and Jacob Kram-ers of Pa. were visiting the writer a few days and were overnight guests on Sat. with their sister, the Sam Millers of S. Carolina.

Word was received that Mrs. Harvey Yoder (Clara) had a stroke and is in the hospital in Ind. They had gone back home a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Fannie Kinsinger is returning home to Ind. after a couple weeks here staying at Verna Mast's.

Word was received of the deaths of Fannie Hersberger of Ohio and Mrs. Mark Brennaman of Ga., both funerals on Tues.

Mrs. Cora Miller is in Middlefield, Ohio for a week as her husband Noah is not well.

Esther Beachy returned home from her Dad's funeral in Iowa.

Mrs. E. Troyer

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

April 16--This a beautiful Easter sea-son. The garden looks nice. Peas are full of pods. Tomatoes are growing nicely.

The Dave Yoder family of Delaware (Greenwood area) and other places where they are scattered had their reun-ion at a church campground in Mar-ianna. It was a big crowd, around 160 persons.

Richard Klings were in our service last night and at our house for the night. They live in Pa. now. They used to live at Atmore, Alabama for a long time. They left for Sarasota this morning.

Last Sat. Melvin and Carl Eby put new linoleum on a kitchen and dining room floor for a neighbor of Carl Eby's as an M.D.S. project from the high water.

The unit leader, Art Smuker, who is at Bonifay, Fla. called and they got a referral from here so I checked it out and took care of that for her.

Carl Ebys also had water around their house but no water in the house.

Galen Overholts of Sarasota were here at church yesterday. They are visit-ing his uncle, the Leroy Overholts.

We had our first hummingbird come to the feeder yesterday, April 15.

Glennys Schrock left for Bir-mingham, Ala. Thurs. morning to help care for her twin grandsons. Parents are Steve and Lenora Longenecker. Carol Yoder (Mrs. Ben) is taking care of the upholstery shop while Glennys is gone.

Edward J. Yoder

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

April 23--We had a light shower yesterday, about .3 of an inch. We would be glad for more.

The farmers are busy planting. Most crops are looking good. I don't think there is as much wheat as sometimes, but it is all headed out and a few fields are turning a little yellow already.

Several of the Chriss Nissley family left for Kalona, Iowa for the funeral of Mrs. Leroy Nissley of that area. She was a cancer victim. He is a son of the late Chriss Nissley.

There is some M.D.S. work going on in north Fla. and southern Ala. now because of flooding. In our area it is pretty well taken care of Kenneth King of the Goshen, Ind. area is directing the work there.

Jonas Ray Bontragers returned from their trip to Ill. and Mich. the early part of the week.

Perry Yoder's daughter Mary and her daughter and husband returned from Africa. Her husband died some time ago. The daughter and husband and their little daughter will make Tallahassee their home. Mary will be with her parents here. Her parents, the Perry Yoders, are visiting their daughter and family in Canada at this time.

Visitors at our home yesterday for dinner were Duane Brown, Raymond Smoker from Chipley, Fla. and Frank and son Joseph Maniscalco of Slocomb, Ala.

Edward Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

April 23--Our weather continues to be breezy, sunny and warm. We're still wishing for rain.

Laura Yutzy left last week for Ohio, where she plans to spend some time doctoring for her back. She also plans to visit family along the way, and plans to be gone all summer.

Wedding bells are ringing for Ann Miller, formerly of Ohio and Larry Miller, son of Lee Millers.

Alma Keim and Lydia Schlabach of Ohio, Eva Schlabach and Lydia Ann Schlabach spent the weekend on the east coast, where they toured a butterfly sanctuary.

Lester Hochstetlers are spending a week visiting in Pa. and N.Y.

Ina Troyer of Va. spent a week in Pinecraft visiting relatives and friends.

Lydia Schlabach plans to leave Fri. on Pioneer Bus for her summer home in Ohio.

Mrs. Noah Miller is not well. The drs. call it bone cancer.

Mattie L. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

April 27--We had our communion on Easter and some over 100 partook.

The tourists are mostly gone. The Pioneer bus now going every 2 weeks.

My recent visitors were Archie Hostetter, Roanoke, Ill., Roman S. Yoder, Fresno, Ohio, also Sam and Elsie Weaver and three daughters Elsie, Freida and Susie, and Edith Weirich. I wasn't home, but later got to visit with them at Bertha's house, all left for their home Fri.

Tim Swartzentruber left for home 2 weeks ago, Goshen, Ind., but Dan Beachy is still in my trailer.

The Pioneer bus left Fri. eve. with 25 passengers.

Son Norman, Goshen, Ind., brought a truck load of curtain rods for Tampa. I don't know what he's taking back. He will be here 2 days. He and Bertha had breakfast this morning at Dutch Oven.

Menno Swartzentruber

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

May 2--Summer is here to stay, 90° today. April had less than an inch of rainfall. News reports are the driest month on record; less than 6 inches so far this year.

Preaching at Sunnyside by Perry Miller and Lester Gingerich.

If you tourists think we are lonesome for traffic on the highways you just think again. Tues. at 5 p.m. we took off for Pinecraft. At the McIntosh intersection west, traffic was backed up at the traffic light a half mile.

Tues. Mary took Hannah Overholt picking strawberries and did not get back till 1:30. They picked 117 qt. in 2½ hrs. at 3 qt. for a dollar. Sweet corn is 20¢ each or \$10.00 bu., 62 ears.

Our plans have been changed. We received notice of the Children's Home Reunion at Grantsville, Md. Aug. 18-19. We intend to be there. Then to Minerva, Oh. Mon., the 20th, Hartville next and Sugarcreek Budget Scribe Reunion Aug. 25; to Ind. the following week. I do not know if or when No. 1 School Reunion is to be held.

Reading of the death of Harold Wright of Dundee brought my thoughts back to the Good Old Days? Remembering how he was such a kind, friendly Christian boy. I was operating the General Blacksmith Shop and John Raber the mill and feed store; Doyle Shonk, the grocery store, and P.O. Harold worked for John Raber. Bert Reiswick was the

"mayor" and official advisor. Emanuel M. Beachy, farming and cattle dealer. Ed McBride was the expert carp and sucker fisher.

Harold did coon hunting as a hobby. That was in the 30's or Depression days. Some of the farmers did not have money to pay for the horse shoeing so I could not pay for the shoes. I needed some financial help and Harold came to the rescue.

Harold had a relative that was a boxer, and Harold was no slouch at it. He brought a pair of gloves along to work and one day John Raber and I tried them out. I accidentally touched him on the nose. He swung a haymaker for my head. I ducked and he missed and lost his balance and landed on top of me. That ended that research.

Mose and Mary

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

April 29--Weather remains warm and dry. Some lawns are looking quite brown.

Among those leaving on Fri. on the Pioneer Bus were Lydia Schlabach and Jr. Masts to Ohio, and Will Stutzmans to Ind., also Roman Yoder to Ohio. Alma Keim left on Sat. for her home in Ohio traveling with her cousin.

Betty Wagler returned to her home again on Mon. after being in S.C. 2 years.

Sil Herchbergers are also home again after spending a few weeks up north.

On Thurs. morn. Jerry Yoders, Marilyn Yoder and Lula Gingerich left for their home in Mich. Mrs. Clara Yoder traveled with them to her home in Ind.

Ruby Yoder plans to leave this week for Mexico where she will teach another term of school.

Lorene Wenger accompanied her cousin Karen Yoder to Ga. for the weekend.

Little Jonathan Richard, son of Richard La Raviere Jrs., made his first appearance in church yesterday.

Jake Weavers left on Thurs. for Ohio where they plan to spend some time with relatives and friends. Louise Yoder will be leaving on Mon. for her summer home in Ind. Mattie L. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

April 29--Mrs. Noah Miller is not faring too well. They have a nurse come in to help care for her, by the name of Martha Beachy. Fannie has a cheery smile. Her sister, Amanda of Ohio is here at present.

No heavy traffic on the streets of Pinecraft anymore. Pioneer Trails was half full going back. Archie Hochstetler by air and Joni Weavers, Anna & Esther Eash going with Clarence Weavers.

Menno Troyers of Ohio say they have come back home to spend another 2 weeks here. Ben Smokers of Pa. have also returned for 2 weeks, wanting to do some work on their house.

Mrs. Vera Kipfer has flown to New York to attend a funeral of some relative.

Mel Bontragers of Blackville, S.C. were present in our services today, also a Martin couple and Norman M. Swartzentruber of Ind. (son of Menno). He's a trucker and plans to take celery along back. Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

May 8--Church attendance was a low 129. Some had gone to Dade City, some to Homestead and the high schoolers were on a camping trip. Preaching by Herman Schmucker, Perry Miller and Daniel Miller.

Alvin Stutzman has open sores on toes on account of diabetes and poor blood circulation. Doctors had thought of using the balloon method to open the blood vessel but decided against it. Monday p.m. they had surgery to remove the blood vein all the way down the leg and graft another one in.

Sunnyside school is in need of teachers. Call or write Lester Gingerich, 1025 Honore Ave., Sarasota, Fl. 34232, or phone (813) 371-4818 if you are interested.

We still need rain. Had a threat again but no rain.

Sat. I hope I laid my last concrete block. Laid 60 block in 2 hrs. to wall up a manhole at the culvert, 4 ft. square, 6 block high. Eli Wagler mixed and carried the mud and block and I did the work.

Alvin Stutzman came through the surgery o.k., but we do not know if it will relieve him from his misery.

Mose & Mary

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

May 8--We have a dry spell and are hoping for rain.

Mrs. Noah Miller (Franny) is in bed now with her illness. Mrs. Elizabeth Mott was released from the hosp. today after a week's stay, feeling much better. She had just moved in Lula Gingerich's apt.

Claude Wengard and Felty Mullet both are hoping to come home in a few days from their stay in the hosp.

Clara Keim is back from having surgery in Ind. Being cancer, she'll take her treatments here.

Jake Weavers left to spend most of the summer in Oh. They had it planned before the death of their son Nelson.

Lizzie and Fannie Miller left for Pa. this morning. Fannie will have important business to look after.

Ruby Yoder left for 3 months teaching in Mexico.

Susan Gerber returned last week after being gone nearly 2 weeks attending grandchildren's weddings in Ind. and Oh.

Roy Millers of Md. plan to be here by Mon. or so to take her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Garber up to Md. for the summer.

Mrs. E. Troyer

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

May 11--A little rain this morning, but out on the muck they had 2". Abraham Knepp's corn is taller than a man. This rain was just right, because their irrigation is broken down.

Bish. Eli Burkholders and Alvin Yoders want to attend a wedding at Belle Center, Oh., then also the one in Holmes Co. of Jonas Troyer and Ruth Miller which will be May 24. Also to attend the sale of Dan Beachys.

This is the last week for the Pioneer bus this season. Thurs. 18 came and Fri., 14 left.

Mattie Garver, Plain City, Oh. was ill, in intensive care. She had eye surgery. She is allergic to the medicine they gave and her heart had stopped, but she is now gaining.

Menno Swartzentruber

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SARASOTA, FLORIDA

May 13--The Pioneer Trails bus left Friday for the last time, till tourist season comes around again in the fall.

Min. Amos Horst, Elizabeth Miller and Ralph Schlabach are spending a week in Haiti, so Mary Horst is keeping the "home fires" burning at the post office.

Min. Eli Raber and wife Edna of Blackville, S.C. are spending a few days here, so he ministered in our church this morning. Bro. Eli Mast conducted the S.S. hour.

Abe Weaver went with his son, Marvin, to N.C. to do some work on a "retreat" house, then also visited his daughter Ruth and family, the Darrell Kings.

Strawberry picking was pretty good

this year, as well as sweet corn, tomatoes and cantaloupe.

Visitors in our services this morn. also were Floyd Mast of Goshen, Ind., he being a nephew of Mrs. Willis Yoder (Verna). This trip also was a treat from their children for their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Orpha Miller is recuperating from being in the hospital and staying with Lorene Shenk at the present time.

Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

May 14--Weather remains warm and humid and today we finally got some rain, ½ inch, which was very needful.

Mrs. Andy Stutzman of Mich. came last week to visit her son Alvin who is in the hospital. He had surgery on his leg where they put in new veins, as he had no circulation, but the sores on his toes do not seem to be healing.

Lester Gingerich plans to return this week after being in Belize where they held communion services.

The Pioneer bus made its last run for this spring last week. They had 14 passengers to go north.

Mrs. Noah Miller seems to be holding her own. A group of girls went to sing for her on Sunday afternoon.

Maryetta Yoder will be flying to Mi. on Wed. to visit relatives and friends for a week.

Mahlon Yoders and Roman Schlabach left this morn. for Ind. Roman plans to be gone all summer and Mahlons plan to stay till July. They hope to deliver a lot of motor homes, do some fishing and attend 2 weddings while they are up north.

Eli Waglers and Betty are spending a few days in Ga.

Andy Stutzman and Mrs. Ray Yoder of Mich. and Mrs. Tillie Schmucker of Auburn, Ky. arrived Sunday morn. to visit their sick son and bro., Alvin Stutzman. They plan to return home Wed.
Mattie L. Miller

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

May 22--Rain drops are falling on the roof. Just a slow drizzle. Sounds like music to our ears.

Sunnyside attendance Sun. was 164. Probably 40 visiting people, but not ministers. Lester Gingerich and Daniel Miller preached and Perry Miller preached at Palm Grove in the evening.

A marriage engagement was announced for Richard (Rick) Knepp, a member here, and Naomi Raber from Blackville, S.C. Another elderly couple is reported to be taking the venture soon. Oh., yes, another one of our Budget scribes also.

Nathan Overholt and Henry Detweiler were along with Lester Gingerich and Edwin Weaver to Belize, Costa Rica and other C.A. churches for communion services. They gave a report at Sunnyside Sun. evening on their trip. Fri. evening they will show slides taken on the trip.

Sat. will be our school term ending with a program by the school, a carry-in picnic and ballgame. Graduates this term are Eileen Helmuth, Rhoda Mast, Angela Graber, Paul Mast and Alvin Lee Stutzman.

Pre. Alvin Stutzman is still in the hosp. and has the left leg amputated below the knee. Is healing and has hopes to come home Fri., May 25.

We have tickets to fly to Canton, June 6 for the wedding of Mary's step-granddau. (Her other grandmother, Mrs. Susanna Gerber, will also be going along). She is the last dau. of Roman and Mary Wagler, Juanita Janet. She will marry Steven Craig Miller, son of William Miller.

I am hoping for rain as we have 20 young papaya trees about 3 ft. tall and 50 summer poinsettias, some 7 ft. tall. They take a lot of care and water. The crepe myrtle, jackaranda and poinciana are not in bloom yet, because of lack of rain.

The sweet corn and strawberries are over for the season. Melons are now on galore. Our red beets are not fully matured yet.

The Budget made mention of Arthur Miller that had a grocery store in Sugar-creek and had a store on wheels. I also remember him carrying mail route on motorcycle when I was about 8 years old, 1916.

Mose & Mary

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

May 25--Had $\frac{3}{4}$ in. rain May 7th. Congratulations to The Budget on their 100th anniversary. We see how things have changed in 100 yrs. I remember the time in 1910 when for awhile it was a semi-weekly Budget.

Church att. was 67, quite a contrast toward 500. Last Sun. we had S.S., then also a "gma essa," and good fellowship.

Sun. p.m. I visited in the Noah Miller and Noah Stutzman homes. Mrs. Miller is in bed.

Darvin Beachy, who was in my trailer with Tim Swartzentruber, also left for his home, Goshen, Ind.

My citrus crop is over except a few grapefruit on trees. My daughters Naomi and Irene helped me with the juicing.

Menno Swartzentruber

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

May 30--Alvin Stutzman is home from the hosp. and was able to attend the celebration of his son's graduation Sat. Also at the open house Sun. p.m. for the 5 graduates from our church and one from Palm Grove.

Sun. attendance was 217 at church. The Jr. Hershbergers brought a newborn. Preaching by Daniel Miller and Solly Beiler. He is the father of 2 of our school teachers, Sarah Joy and Julia Beiler. Our monthly hymn sing was moderated by Jake Helmuth in the evening.

We have been having a few showers and light sprinkles the last week.

To Noah Gingerich, the cactus plant you are concerned about, is not a cactus. All cactuses have needles all over the plants to tickle your hands and bare feet. There are probably hundreds of different cactuses. But this is a century plant and the tall stem is now cut off and the leaves or whatever they are called are very wilted and are doomed to die as is normal. Century means 100 years. But they do not live that long. Only one center to the plant and when mature they die. New sprouts will shoot from the roots during its life. There are tiny flowers on the top forks of that stem but are hard to see. There are also many kinds of century plants and the leaves are smooth. They may have a sharp, dangerous point at the end and some many points along the edge of the leaves. We have 4 different kinds in our backyard. I planted one in 1958 and in 1988 it shot up and died. In Guatemala they have a similar plant that they make rope from.

We expect to be reading this at Hartville, Oh. also intend to be at the wedding of Mary's stepgranddau., Juanita Janet Wagler and Steven Craig Miller, Sat., June 9.

The Top Discount store in Pinecraft is to open this week. Mose & Mary

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

May 29--On Sun. afternoon we found out it can still rain in Pinecraft, as we had a most welcome $1\frac{1}{2}$ ". The lawns look greener already.

Tim and Arlene Weaver flew to Oh. over the weekend to visit with family and friends and also attended a wedding.

Alvin Stutzman has returned home again from the hosp. and was able to attend the graduation program on Sat. at the Sunnyside school.

Eli Waglers plan to leave this week for a 2-week vacation.

Mahlon Yoders were home over the weekend. They came with his son, the Vernon Yoders of Ind. Mrs. Mahlon said she had to come back to Fla. to warm up as it was cold in Ind. Vernons were house shopping and by reports have bought one.

Talking about unusual things, this couple left early one morning for Ind. After driving for 3 hours they discovered they could not find her purse. So a call was made back home to their neighbor asking them to go look if the purse is still in their bedroom. A quick search was made, but no purse was found. While she was on the phone he went back to the car and started a more thorough search. Picking up the cushion where she was sitting, there was the purse. Either she wanted to make sure nobody stole her purse, or she needed extra cushion, but it was quite a relief when they found it.

Rick Knepp and Neomi Raber have announced their engagement. A Nov. wedding in planned. Mattie L. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

May 28--Finally got a nice rain which the dry ground surely drank in.

Thurs. eve. we took Lillian Rose Yoder to the Greyhound bus station to start her trek homeward, her parents being Christie Yoders of Ind. and he being a distant relative to me.

Joe Schmuckers of Napp., Ind. came to Pinecraft for a week, as they have sold their property here and then expect to rent when they come for the winters.

John & Catherine Miller and son James of Cochran, Pa. were here to help out at the parents' home, the Noah Millers, as Fannie is not making any progress at all in getting better. Is having more back pains. Their son Eli & wife of Spencer, Wi. expect to be here this eve., as Johns went home.

Joe Hochstetlers of Okla. City, Ok. are in the area. Understand they have a dau. living here.

Were glad to see Levi Yoder in church, his wife bringing him in the wheelchair.

Emory Mast and Elizabeth Miller took a trip to Kansas to attend a Mast reunion.

Mrs. Ivan Schlabach (Erma) had gone to Ohio to spend some time with her parents, going with Laverne Detweiler. Were gone 10 days.

Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

June 5--Esther Beachy left for Iowa to attend her mother's funeral. It's only been a couple of months that her Dad passed away.

Word came of the death of Barbara Knepp of Ind. due to accident injuries. They are winter residents at 3512 Estrada Ave.

Eli Borkholders, Alvin Yoders and Mrs. Ray Mast have returned from their 2 weeks trip to Ohio and Ind. attending 2 weddings and sale.

Wedding bells are ringing for Elmer Troyer of here and Barbara Hostettler of Ind., July 4th. Mattie Miller of here and Joe Yoder of Mich. That wedding Aug. 18th here.

Sunday dinner guests with Mrs. Anna Hostettler were John Planks, Dan Marners, Eli Troyers and daughters, Ann Miller, Larry Miller, Jeme Yoder, Elizabeth Mott, Mrs. Levi Schlabach and dau. Eva, Susan Gerber and Ella Troyer.

The widows had their monthly pot luck Monday night at the Amish church kitchen, nine ladies attending.

Martha Miller returned by plane after 2 weeks visiting in Ohio.

Ella Keim has plans to fly to Canton the 21st of June to visit her sister and family, and friends.

Sunday night snackers at Ella Troyers' were Ella Keim, Mary Garber, Katie Weirich, Orpha Miller, Ellen Nisley, Christina Miller, Fannie, Lina and Barbara Yoder.

Henry Yoders and Fannie Yoder plan to attend a wedding in Blountstown this weekend.

Sat. is the wedding of Margie Troyer and Andy Bontrager Jr.

Loren Troyers and family returned home Sunday night from spending some time in South Carolina. Mrs. E.T.

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

June 4--We are having a rain this morning. The weather has been fairly settled here at our place, and we were wishing for rain.

We returned home from Va. on Thurs., May 31. We had been there to help care for my wife's folks who are both ailing. Her mother has been down for over 3 years. She is Mrs. Perry Showalter. Her father, Perry Showalter, has been up and down for sometime with diverticulitis and had surgery. He was quite low at one time but is so he can get around with a walker now. He is quite confused at times, not knowing whether it is morning, noon or night.

This leaves a rather heavy load for Ruth to carry on, but some of the family live fairly close and help out a lot.

I was to see our dr. here this morning. He said he would release me for 2½ or 3 mo., then I should come see him again. My blood tests were good, too.

There will be a wedding here in our church next Sunday, Rhoda Bontrager and Darryl Kennell. Darryl is from Ill. Rhoda had been teaching school in Ill. the last two years.

About three weeks ago Ben Yoder's pickup was stolen out of his front yard. So far no trace has been found of it.

Perry and Savilla Yoder were to Tallahassee yesterday morning for church.

Duane Brown was received into the church here by baptism yesterday morning.

Those who had lived here earlier will remember Johnny Garrett. He died of a heart attack Tues. morning. Funeral was Friday afternoon. His age was 60.

Alvin Bylers returned last week from a trip west to Miss., Texas, Okla. and Colorado. Edward J. Yoder

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

June 11--We have been having rather high temp. in the p.m., mostly in upper 80s and 90s.

Fri. night it rained about .7 of an inch here. Our dau. living in town had only about .2 at Pine Island Subdivision. About 4 miles north of town they had 3 in.

The Darryl and Rhoda Kennell wedding was yesterday afternoon with reception afterwards.

Last Mon. we went near Quincy and picked some peaches at \$7.00 per pail.

Bro. Henry and wife and my sis. Fannie from Sarasota, were here for this wedding. They went home this morn.

Our Summer Bible School will start tonight.

We had a commissioning service at church yesterday morn. for those who will be involved in Christian service in foreign lands this summer. They are Heather Benedict, Holland; Becky Byler, Turkey; Duane Brown, Kenya; Debbie Yoder, Sicily; Melody Yoder, Greece; Miriam Yoder, Sumatra; Yolanda Yoder, Cameroon; and Ben, Carol, Jenny and Jesse Yoder, Greece.

Bro. Steve Ulrich from Roanoke, Ill., brought the morn. message at church yesterday. Edward J. Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

June 8--The watermelons are plentiful and extra good, due to the dry weather.

Sun. we had anointing service for Mrs. Noah Miller (Frany). She's in bed with cancer of the bone. Eli, their son of WI., was here to visit her.

Son Norma stopped here from Thur. to Sun. eve. and left with the truck to pick up a load of plants at the East Coast. He's from Goshen, Ind.

Bish. Eli Burkholders and Alvin Yoders are back from their trip to the wedding at Belle Center, Ohio and the one in Holmes Co. Also the sale of Dan Beachys. Deborah Mast was their driver.

Eli Burkholders left again this week to attend a wedding in Md.

The new store that is put up in Pinecraft makes it very handy for these Pinecrafters. Menno Swartzentruber

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

June 10--We've been blest the past week with some wonderful, welcome rains. Lawns are looking green again. Day time temp. is usually in the mid 80's to lower 90's.

Today at the Amish church the announcement was made of the forthcoming marriage of Elmer Troyer of Fla. and Barbara Hochstetler of Ind. The wedding is to be July 4 in Ind.

Joe Yoder of Mich. returned home on Fri. after spending a few days here in Pinecraft.

Today Millie Overholt celebrated her 91st birthday. Her children were all here for the occasion.

Brenda Yoder flew to S.C. for the weekend to attend a wedding.

Lorene Wenger returned home again from her trip to Ill. and Ind.

Mary Ellen Graber is also home again after spending a week in Daviess Co. with homefolks.

Daniel Millers returned late last night from their trip north to various states.

Alvin Stutzman was able to attend church today for the first time since the amputation of his leg.

Samuel Benders plan to leave Thurs. for Ohio and Ind. to visit family and friends, then back to Ga. where they will be living for the summer, working on a big dairy farm. The long hot summer weather seemingly does not agree with Samuel, so they want to try something else.

Leaving also on Thurs. are Rhoda Gingerich, Sarah Joy and Rachel Byler. They will be flying to California renting a car and touring the western states. They plan to be gone 5 weeks.

A number of the youth plan to be in S.C. over the coming weekend to attend the youth fellowship meetings.

Mel Masts have also returned from their trip to Ill.

Others that are still traveling are Mel Mullets, Lewis Weavers, Levi Masts and Eli Waglers. Mattie L. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

It is now over 52 years that we made our first trip to Florida. At that time there were no traffic lights and not many tourists.

In the years 1946 & 1947 we rented at the Becker House on Orange Ave. The city hall is there now. At the Becker House there were 70 people, Amish and Mennonites. A hall in the center and bedrooms on either side, we all had to share the same kitchen to cook on the woodburning stove. The ice man came once a week to fill the large ice box which held 500 pounds.

One day a woman came in and said she found a laundromat and we need not wash by hand any longer. It had Maytag wringer washers and two rinse tubs and was located west of the Ringling Shopping Center in the city trailer park.

The people of Sarasota said if we can get the Mennonites in here, we will have a good community. The city furnished a bus to come right to the Becker House on Sunday to take the people to the Tourist Church.

The next year Jonas Stoltzfus and us bought property right up town. We were the only Amish that owned property up town. Our first real estate tax was 7¢.

Pre. Enos Yoder, father of Abbie Weaver, built a duplex on Bahia Vista with only the siding boards on and 2x4's on the inside. The Amish had their own church.

From there Enos built a larger house on Bimini St. where they had Amish church for years.

Years later the Amish church people bought a house on Himes Ave. and this is still being used for Amish church.

Now there are 14 Mennonite and Amish churches here in Sarasota and Mennonite churches in other parts of Florida.

In the year 1956 we built the first house in Pinecraft with a building permit. This house is on Estrada St. We had many renters through the years. Les Troyer, who writes "Life Lines" in *The Budget*, was one of our first renters.

We plan to retire in Cullman, Alabama, so I will give some details of that place. The climate is mild, and it is much nearer to our relatives. I take treatments with the doctor there and am advised to take treatment all summer.

We were up there for April & May and now want to go back for July, August, September and October.

Everywhere we go we find another Crist Bontrager. When we lived in Plain City, Ohio there were 3 other Crist Bontragers. When we lived in Florida there were two other Crist Bontragers. Now we come to Cullman, Ala. and we find another Crist Bontrager within two miles of our place. These Bontragers come from Ohio.

To Brother Joni Hochstetlers of Nappanee, the people of Cullman go about the poultry industry in a bigger way. Cullman County is raising more chickens (in a single county) than any place in the world. In 1988 they produced 137 million chickens and the 1989 figures will be much higher. Two reasons for the expansion is the climate and good quality water.

If any of our friends wish to stop by, we are located ½ mile west of Center Grove Church in the Gold Ridge area, 10 miles northeast of Cullman. Our address is changed from Sarasota, Fla. to Rt. 2, Box 1665, Gold Ridge, Cullman, Al. 35055.

Crist and Christina Bontrager

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

June 17--It's been 3 weeks since I last wrote & I'm still not loaded with all so much news.

Top news! Widower Joe Yoder of Mich. and Mattie L. Miller (Budget scribe) have announced their engagement. Their wedding is to be in Aug.

Mrs. Dan Beachy (Martha) is in the hospital for a week now with heart problems.

Noah Stutzman is to take it easy, since not feeling so well because of his heart, so I guess his working at Burkholder's Restaurant is over with.

Mrs. Noah Miller is not doing very well. They get her up in the wheelchair a few times a day. Mrs. Roman Miller (Barbara) of Ohio is here helping out at Noah's for awhile. Levi Yoder remains about the same.

The weekend of the 9th, Abe Weavers, Leroy and Dannie Weaver, Mrs. Anna Campbell and we journeyed to Blackville, S.C. to be present at the reunion, which I'm sure the Blackville scribe will give note about.

Min. Jake Schrock will be ministering at the Tourist Church this eve.

Min. Amos Hurst and Lorene Shenk will be leaving for Haiti, Tues.

Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

June 18--Our dau. and son-in-law and children, the Lloyd Zooks of London, Ohio, just left for their homeward trip. They expect to make a few stops along the way.

We had 1.6" of rain yesterday. We needed the rain.

Curtis Overholt received a broken leg when his father was taking him to the bathroom and his ankle turned and caused him to fall.

David Yoder, son of Steve Yoder, had an appendectomy in the Marianna Hospital Sun. morn. Seems to be getting along real well.

The Paul Wesselhaeft family went to Germany for a visit. Paul is the son of Carl Wesselhaeft of southern Ohio.

Ivan Nissleys were to Montezuma, Ga. yesterday.

Robert Smiths were at Monticello, Fla. for services yesterday morn.

The Curvin Hirsch family were here from Atmore, Ala. yesterday visiting her parents, the Perry Yoders.

Gary Mast was also here from Montezuma, Ga. yesterday, bringing Rachel Yoder who is working in the Yoder's Restaurant near Montezuma. They returned last eve.

Glennys Schrock and her son Myron left Thurs. morn. for Birmingham, Ala. where her son Duane and dau. Lenora and their families are living. Fri. they went on to Va. where Glennys will be helping to care for her parents for 3 weeks. Myron returned to his studies in Gainesville, Fla.

The Dan Yoder family have been in New York where they attended the Myers family reunion.

Our Bible school was held this past week with David and Sharon Yoder as superintendents. The average attendance was 84.

Ben and Carol Yoder and their two youngest children, Jenny and Jesse, left Sat. for Boot Camp in Merritt Island, Fla., in preparation for their service with Teen Missions in Greece this summer. The other youth from our congregation are leaving today on the Teen Missions bus.

Edward J. Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

June 25--We finally had nice showers of rain this past week. Still hot humid weather.

On Thurs. Ella Keim flew to Cleveland, Oh. to visit around 2 weeks. Katie Weirich took the plane Thurs. p.m. for Ind. Ellen Nissly left with her nephew and family for the north. John Planks left Sat. evening for Kentucky, then on to Ill. to attend a wedding and visiting, leaving July 5th for Kentucky to spend time with their daughters and families, and expect to be back home by July 14th.

Amos Horst and Lorene Shenk are in Haiti for a week. Amos and Mary Horst plan to leave next week for Ind. to attend Barbara Hochstetler and Elmer Troyer's wedding. Willis Yoders and Dan Marners will go with Horsts.

Mrs. Dan Beachy (Martha) is home from the hospital and recovering. Their Sunday afternoon visitors were Alvin Yoders and Dan Marners.

Mrs. Noah Miller remains about the same.

Richard Yoder is in the hospital. Their moving plans to Ind. have been changed for now.

Mrs. Ann Hostetler and son David left for a few weeks visiting in different states.

Dave Miller, Christine, Lydia, Mary and Ellen Miller left July 2 for Ind., also planning to attend the Troyer-Hochstetler wedding.

Bish. Eli Borkholders are headed for Mich. to attend her niece's wedding. Alvin Yoders visited with them Sunday evening.

E.T.

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

June 25--This is a pleasant morning. Dannie Schlabach, who has been working in Sarasota, came home and brought his girlfriend, Yolanda Yoder, along with him. Their wedding plans are for Aug. 4th at Grantsville, Maryland.

Lenora Nissley, who has been working at Montezuma, Ga. at Yoder's Restaurant, was at home for the weekend, as well as Rachel Yoder.

James Nissleys gave a program last evening at the Berea Mennonite Church in Tallahassee about their plans in the Wycliffe program that they expect to enter this fall. Several families from here attended.

Bro. Raymond Smoker of Chipley has made application to join our church here.

Quite a bit of sweet corn has been put up the last few weeks. It is about over with now.

Steve Yoder's boys are pretty well on the mend again. Ralph had a broken arm from falling off a horse, and David had an appendix operation. Ralph has to have his cast on for another week.

We are wishing for some more rain. We had about .6 in. last week in about 3 hitches.

Dorcas Bontrager (Jonas Ray's daughter) left Thursday for Mich. where she will be working for several months this summer.

Monroe and Naomi Yoder left this past week for Delaware. They will be gone a week or two.

Edward Yoder

In loving memory of my dear brother, John E. Weaver, 83, who passed away 1 year ago in Pinecraft, Fla. July 3, 1989.

Leaves his lonely wife, Abbie Yoder Weaver; 1 son, Eli Weaver, Millersburg, Ohio; 3 daus., (Esther) Mrs. David Troyer, Dundee, Ohio; (Sara) Mrs. Jonas Miller of Virginia; Malinda Mae of the home; 9 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Mrs. John (Emma) Miller.

All is over, hands are folded,
On a quiet, peaceful breast;
All is over, pains are ended,
And dear brother is at rest.
Beautiful memories woven in gold,
This is the picture we tenderly hold;
Down in our hearts your memories are kept,
To love and to cherish and never forget.

-By a Sister, Emma

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

June 27--Sunday attendance 124. Many families on vacation. Preaching by Perry Miller and Lester Gingrich. Daniel Millers and David Grabers were to Dade City outreach. They had youth program. Henry Yoder was at Tourist Church and Herman Schmuckers at Sarasota Mennonite.

Wed. eve. the Sunnyside youth gave reports on the youth fellowship meetings held at S.C.

We are having some showers nearly everyday. The Crepe Myrtle is blooming and gnats are pesterful.

I guess my dashing days are a thing of the past. 2 weeks ago I noticed some pain in my right knee. A sudden twist was no good for it. I suspected the knee joint needs replacement, but the leg muscles are affected too, so I believe it is rheumatism, and only at 81 yrs. of age. I guess a change of speed is no disgrace. Mel Mast claimed I have too many miles on anyhow.

Mary has her old back troubles again. Similar to what she had before surgery. Still does quilting and some away house cleaning.

The John Overholts have some S.C. peaches and home-grown watermelons now. Some grocers still have yellow sweet corn, hard enough for the pigs.

We had a good trip north to Canton, Ohio with Susan Gerber by air. About 40 people were at the airport to welcome us and caused quite a concern from the attendants and pilot.

Mary's brother Andy Troyer met us and took us the next day to Mich. to see a few of Mary's nieces and children. One baby a month old had vein surgery and is home. They expect it needs valve surgery by 7 yrs. of age or sooner. We attended a wedding at Roman Waglers' of Mary's step-granddaughter.

Health permitting, we intend to drive to Grantsville, Md. for childrens home reunion Aug. 18th to Sugarcreek, Ohio for Budget scribe reunion, Aug. 25, then to Ind. for Miller reunion Sept. 1. If health does not permit we will stay home for the Joe Yoder-Mattie Miller wedding Aug. 18th.

Mose and Mary

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

June 24--Our warm weather continues with temp. in upper 80s to mid 90s. We received a very welcome 8/10 inch of rain this week.

Katie Weirich left on a 2 week vacation to Ind.

The Jacob Helmuth family and Ellen Nisley left on Thurs. eve. to different points north, visiting relatives & friends and plans to attend a wedding; plan to be gone a week.

On Thurs. Lester Hostetlers flew to Pa. for a wedding. The John Overholt family also left Thurs. night for Pa. to attend a wedding.

The Alvin Yoder family plans to leave this week for Davis Co. to visit with family and friends for 5 days.

Ella Keim flew to Ohio on Thurs. to visit with relatives for 2 weeks.

Wayne and Ruth Miller became the happy parents of their first child named Hosea Joel.

Mrs. Dan Beachy returned home from the hospital on Wed. and seems to be coming along quite well.

Noah Stutzman was given orders from the doctor to quit his job of pie making at Burkholder's Restaurant due to heart problems.

Mrs. Noah Miller is slowly losing out. Has a lot of pain whenever she is moved. She has cancer of the bones.

Announcement was made yesterday of the forthcoming marriage of Erma Schmucker of Fla. and Joe Zook of Pa. Wedding to be Nov. 17.

Mattie L. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

June 22--No rain for about 10 days, our water level is low.

Abraham Knepp has a bumper crop of corn and is harvesting right now. The silage goes to the dairy man.

I have 3 kinds of night blooming cactus blooming now, all 3 have a white blossom between 5 & 6 in. in diameter.

Abe Weaver and Roman Yoders had been to Blackville, S.C. over last Sun. to the reunion of those that first lived there.

Menno Swartzentruber

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

July 22--A warm July 2; it would be nice if we had some rain again.

James Nissleys were at Atlanta, Ga. for a Bill Gothard seminar last week.

Quite a few folks were missing from church yesterday. Sarah Nissley and daughter Carolyn (Steve Yoders) were to Ore. to visit Sarah Nissley's daughter, Mrs. Wayne Miller.

Mrs. Glennys Schrock is in Va.

Mrs. Mary Myers and daughter Rhoda (Mrs. Dan Yoder) and boys were to Miss. to a wedding.

Ivan Nissley and the Carl Ebys were to Eldorado, Ark. for a reunion.

Pamela and April Smith were to Atmore, Ala.

Kevin and Donita Yoder went to Moultrie, Ga. to take a car up there for Suzette Yoder.

Monroe Yoders are not back from their trip to Del.

Robert Yoders were to Montezuma, Ga. to take their daughter Rachel's car up to her.

Those who took dinner at our house yesterday were the Abe Headings, Perry Yoders, Sadie Bissey and Raymond Smokers of Chipley, Fla.

Bro. Raymond Smoker was taken in as a member of our church yesterday. He was formerly from Kinzers, Pa.

Mrs. Mable Schlabach was catering for some kind of a church group west of Marianna. Myra Nissley and Martha Benedict and one of her daughters were also helping there. Martha Benedict had the misfortune of pouring hot oil on her hand, so she immediately put it in ice and kept it on most of the day. She only has a few blisters from it.

The Paul Wesselhoeft family returned last week from their trip to Germany where they attended a wedding and visited one of Paul's uncles.

We decided to go fishing this morning. We were out about 3 hours and got 14 fair-sized fish. We went to our son-in-law's pond.

Edward Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

July 2--Yesterday we were blessed with 1 6/10 inch of rain, which was accompanied with hard thunder and lightning, high winds and some hail.

Mrs. Millie Overholt had gone to Ind. to visit and apparently had light stroke. She is in the hospital and her one side seems to be slightly paralyzed, but her memory seems to be clear.

Mrs. Noah Miller had a weak spell last wk. one day.

Word was received here of the death of Mrs. Wm. McGrath of Ohio. She had cancer in the liver.

Ida Schmucker of Kans., Rose Mary Mast and Sharon Hochstetler of Napp., Ind. are spending a few days in Pinecraft visiting the Herman Schmuckers and other friends.

Yesterday noon a carry-in was held at Betty Wagler's home in honor of the above mentioned girls. Others attending the carry-in were Lorene Wingerd, Erma Yoder, Amary Ellen Graber, Verna Mast, Elsie Overholt, Elizabeth Schlabach and Mattie Miller.

Susan Overholt entertained the Sunnyside youth Sunday noon. In the afternoon they sang at the Sunnyside Nursing Home.

Dave Miller and daus. left this morn. with Adin Troyer for Ind. where they plan to attend the wedding of Elmer Troyer and Barbara Hochstetler on July 4th. From there they plan to go to Kokomo where they are planning to have their family reunion at Raymond Millers'. Others from here who are going for the above wedding are Willis Yoders, Dan Marners and Mrs. Ray Miller, with Amos Horsts as drivers.

Mattie L. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

July 1--We have just now received a good rain with heavy thunderstorms and some hail. Big water puddles everywhere and the moisture is needed.

The 50th wedding anniversary for Min. Walter Shenks was held last Sat. eve. at Sarasota Mennonite fellowship hall with a good attendance. Mrs. Shenk, a stroke victim, seems to be holding her own. She seemed to enjoy everything to the fullest, as she even repeated the words of "Twilight is Stealing" when being sung by their 4 children.

Misses Mary Emma Brenneman and Irma Schmucker left for Belleville, Pa. for a period of time.

Had some visitors in our services this morning, but I didn't get all their names. Ida Schmucker of Kansas, Rose Mary Mast and Sharon Hostetler of Napp., Ind., all related to Min. Herman Schmucker of here. Bro. Herman and wife of Sunnyside Cong. attended our services. He conducted our adult S.S. class. Later they and we were dinner guests in the Noah Brenneman home.

Min. Amos Horst and wife Mary are taking Pre. Willis Yoders, Dan and Martha Mamer and Mrs. Ray Miller (Linda) to Ind. for the wedding of Elmer Troyer and Barbara Hochstetler which is July 4th. Dave Miller and girls are also leaving in the morning for the same place.

Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

July 11--This Sun. attendance was 168. Last Sun. 119. Lester Gingerich and Daniel Miller preaching. Today is monthly sister's sewing day in fellowship hall.

Alvin Stutzman attended church Sun. with walker and one artificial leg. Yesterday they amputated the right leg and he came through the surgery in fine shape.

Mrs. Will (Millie) Overholt has had a mild stroke in Ind. They wanted to admit her back into the hospital, but she refused. She wanted to go home to be admitted. She is now here and is improving at the hospital.

Mrs. Gabriel (Rachael) Hershberger cut her hand while opening a tin can to the extent of 6 stitches.

The Tim (Ruth) Yoders from Goshen, Ind. have moved into the locality. The Mel Masts that live in the house where we are, will move into Walley Zook's house on Richardson Rd. I do not know who will take his place of teacher in school.

We had another 1½ in. rainfall yesterday. This brings standing water in our drainage ditch for the first time since April 1.

Mose & Mary

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

July 8--This is a very warm afternoon. It was 102° at about 2:15. I think we have had more 100 degree weather than we ever had in the 36 yrs. since we are here, and it is only July 8th. We had good rains last week though.

Wilma Lee has been filling in at the Christian Book Store in Blountstown, owned and operated by Albin Bylers. Their son Fred's wife worked in the mornings and Wilma Lee in the afternoons. Albin went to Bethel Camp, Hardshell, Ky. to visit their daughter and son-in-law, the Rich Masts.

Today we got word of the passing of Landis Martin in Mich. and a number from our congregation are planning to leave for the funeral early in the morning.

Bro. Jake Schrock of Sarasota is here at present. He preached the morning sermon and will also preach this evening.

We had a fellowship meal today noon, although we had a small crowd this morning. Those who went to Merritt Island for the commissioning service for the young folks who are serving with Teen Missions for six weeks this summer were Ivan Nissleys, Robert Yoders and Dan Benedicts. There are 9 going with Teen Missions. In addition to them, Becky Byler is in Turkey with the SWIM team from Rosedale Missions and Duane Brown is in Kenya, Africa helping with the building of a church.

Curtis Overholt is at home from the hospital now, but his leg is not healing so far. They moved a trailer in for him so he will have more room for his hospital bed. They have some wiring to do on it before they get all their telephones and everything hooked up for them.

Heidi Wesselhoeft (dau. of Paul Wesselhoeft) was riding her horse Tuesday and somehow got her little finger pinched between the gate and her horse. This resulted in a trip to the doctor and 8 stitches for 12-yr-old Heidi.

Dan and Rhoda Yoder and two of their sons will be in Orlando, Fla. attending the Bill Gothard Seminar this week.

Edward J. Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

July 7--Levi Yoder is better again, but Franey Miller is fast losing out. Their son Eli is here again from Spencer, Wi. He is a bishop. Also their son John's wife of Pa. They give her water with a drop-per.

Amos Horst had taken a load to Ind. with his station wagon for the wedding of Elmer Troyer and Barbara Hostetler, which was held July 4th. Amos will again go to bring them home. Elmer used to live in my house, but now bought a home of his own to live in.

Bish. & Mrs. Eli Burkholder and Abe Weavers are also on vacation. Elis are expected home today.

Menno Swartzentruber

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

July 8--We are still having hot and humid.

Mrs. Noah Miller seems to be getting weaker. Their son, Pre. Eli of Wisc., arrived on Wed. by plane.

Eli Borkholders just returned last night from their trip of attending a wedding.

On Wed. Ella Keim arrived by plane after nearly 2 weeks with her sis., relatives and friends in Oh. Katie Weirich returned by plane from Ind. after 2 weeks of visiting and attending the wedding of Barbara Hostetler and Elmer Troyer.

Amos Horsts plan to leave tonight for Ind. to get Willis Yoders and Elmer Troyers, newlyweds, and Mrs. Ray Miller. Elmers bought a trailer on North Graber St. They are all planning on coming back Thurs. evening.

Mrs. Anna Mae Yoder and her mother, 91-yr.-old Millie Overholt, flew to Ind. for a visit. Millie took sick and was in the hosp. in Ind., then Red Cross plane flew her (Millie) down to Memorial Hosp. in Sarasota. At last reports she was improving.

Eli Rabers are here from S.C. He had the opening today. Martin Miller of Meigs, Ga. brought the message. Understand they were here for a Plank reunion. He and his wife and 2 daus. They are also visiting her mother, Mrs. Ida Plank and sis. Mary Esther. John and Leah Plank plan to return end of the week.

Mary Garber plans to fly to Md. the 19th to attend a wedding, returning the 28th.

Verna Mast flies to S.C. the 21st for a week.

Alvin Yoder just returned from a week in the Carolinas helping clean up after storm Hugo. He plans to return for a couple of weeks more to help.

Mrs. E. T.

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

July 10--Our daytime temp. continues to be in the 90°. Were blessed yesterday with ½ inch of rain.

Little Hosea Joel made his first appearance in church on Sunday.

Eli Miller of Wisc. came to Pinecraft last week to help care for his mother, Mrs. Noah Miller, who is not well with bone cancer.

Katie Weirich has returned from her 2 week vacation to Ind.

Ella Keim returned on Wed. after spending 2 weeks in Ohio visiting family and friends.

Lester Hostetlers spent the weekend in Dade City.

Today Alvin Stutzman is to have surgery to amputate his other leg.

Mrs. Millie Overholt is still in the hospital. She was flown from Ind. to Sarasota in a special plane.

Mattie L. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

July 15--A fellowship carry-in dinner was held at Tourist Church in fellowship hall for our church and the Amish.

Mrs. John Miller of Cochran, Pa. and Eli Miller of Spencer, Wis. were here taking care of their mother and mother-in-law, Mrs. Noah Miller Fannie, who passed on to her reward Monday night. Funeral services were held at the Tourist Church Tuesday evening, and Wednesday they all left with the body to Hartville, Ohio for further services and burial.

Word was received of the passing on of Jake Beiler of Pa., former winter resident, and also John King of here.

All those that had gone to Ind. for the wedding of Elmer Troyer and Barbara Hochstetler have returned home, also Elmer and Barbara.

Mahlon Boley made a trip to Ohio and Berne, Ind. to have some Shaker meetings.

Noah Brennemanns are happy to announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, born to their daughter Naomi and Ben Peight in Belleville, Pa., being their firstborn.

Vacation time is over for the employees of Yoder's Restaurant, as it reopens this Tuesday, the 17th.

Herman Schmucker was our adult S.S. teacher today and Pre. John F. Miller of Sunnyside Cong. preached.

Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

July 20--We're having showers these days.

Elmer and Barbara are back from their wedding in Ind. on the 4th, they bought a home on Graber Ave.

We had 2 funerals, Mrs. Noah Miller July 10th and Noah Stutzman's July 17, both at Tourist Church. Franey's body was taken to Hartville, Ohio and Noah's body to Topeka, Ind. They lived right beside each other. Noah had been teaching the children's class in our S.S.

Franey's service was held by Henry Yoder in English and Eli Burkholder in German; Noah's service by Amos Horst in English and Eli Burkholder in German. Menno Swartzentruber

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

July 16--This is a very nice morning and 83° already. Thurs., Fri. and Sat. we had a shower each day.

It has been over the 100° mark a number of times this summer, much more than usual. The rains are very spotted.

We had gotten word of the passing of Bro. Landis Martin last Sun. Two vans went for the funeral. Jonas Bontrager drove one van; his bro. Reuben Bontrager drove the other one. Jonas Bontrager and wife, myself and wife, Monroe Yoder and wife, Reuben Bontrager and wife and dau. and bro. Dan Yoder and Robert Smith went for the funeral.

Jonas Bontrager's load went by Rockwell, Ill. on the way home to visit Darryl Kennell, Jonases' dau. and husband. Monroe Yoders also went with the load and visited their dau. and husband, Steve Ulrichs and Monroes' dau. Carol Stutzman met us at a restaurant near Arcola, Ill. and we visited with her and her boys there.

Peanuts and soybeans look real nice now. Corn is very spotted.

There is a girl here from Holland who is staying at Steve Yoders'. I think she will be staying 6 mos.

Arlin Schrock was here Sat. and Sunday morning. He brought their children along. He comes here to help his mother with her book work in the upholstery shop.

Also Myron Schrock, who is at dental school at Gainesville, Fla. He went back last evening.

James Rheames of Jay, Fla. were also here. They were guests of Albin Bylers.

Edward Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

July 16--Last week we were blessed with a wonderful rain every afternoon. Probably around 4" altogether.

Word was received this morn. of the sudden death of Noah Stutzman. He died of a heart attack. Services will be Tuesday morn. at Tourist Church, then taken to Topeka, Ind. for burial.

Last Tuesday was the funeral of Mrs. Noah Miller who died of bone cancer and she was taken to Hartville, Ohio for burial. Noah Millers and Noah Stutzmans lived next door to each other here in Pinecraft.

Word was also received last wk. of the death of Jake Beiler of Pa. who was a long-time winter resident of Pinecraft.

Yesterday Sunnyside Church had an Amish gmay essa after the services. After the meal a few German songs were sung, including das Lob song sung on the slow tune.

Alvin Stutzman came home from the hospital and is coming along as good as can be expected. Millie Overholt is still in the hospital, but seems to be coming along good. Mattie L. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

July 23--Nellie Nisely is 98 years young today. She is at Sunnyside Nursing Home for the last 7 or 8 years. Seems in fair health.

Mrs. Noah Stutzman and Eli Borholder plan to return on Tues. Someone said Jerry Troyers will bring them. On Wed. Susan Gerber will go by plane for a couple of weeks to Ind. and Ohio.

Verna Mast flies to S.C. to spend a week with her sisters and may all go visit another sister in Va.

Mary Garber left Thurs. for Md. to attend her nephew's wedding and plans to return the 28th.

Amos Horsts are enjoying their retirement and will spend a few days visiting their dau. Mary Ellen in Texas this week.

Mrs. Anna Hochstetler and son returned Mon. from their 3 weeks of traveling.

The 29th, the Amish church is having a wedding shower for Elmer and Barbara Troyer. I understand it's for the kitchen items. The Troyers are getting their trailer ready to move in as soon as they can.

Mrs. Cora Miller is spending from Sat. eve. to Mon. in Middlefield, Ohio with a dau. and also her son and family.

Manas Bontrager Jr. had been in the hospital a few days this past week. Was able to attend church on Sun. He resides at Sunnyside Nursing Home.

Mrs. E.T.

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

July 23--A beautiful morning, only a little on the warm side already at 92 degrees. It seems we have at least a little rain everyday, altho it is not overly wet.

The last two Mondays we left to go to funerals: two weeks ago to Mich. to the funeral of Landis Martin, who had lived here a number of years; one week ago to Sarasota to the funeral of Noah Stutzman, who died very suddenly.

While there, we visited oldtimers who I remember from little up. Menno Swartzentruber was married to my first cousin.

The other was Elias Schlabach. My first remembrance of him was that my great-grandfather John T. Yoder lived with them. Then later Elias moved closer to our place. We boys helped with his work at times. He was a friendly person and somewhat in a hurry. A person could recognize his gait at quite a distance. He had one all his own.

Perry Yoders went to the mountains for an outing with their children. Then they went on to Canada to visit their daughter and family, the Glenn Stutzmans.

We had a commissioning service yesterday morning for Myra Nissley (Lonnie's daughter) who is leaving for a year of voluntary service with Northern Youth Programs in northern Ontario.

Mike and Miriam Webster from Opelika, Ala., were visitors in church yesterday morning. They were visiting Miriam's parents, the Lonnie Nissleys.

Paul and Melody Smith's 18-month-old daughter Noelle hurt her foot somehow last week and won't walk on it since then. They took her to the doctor yesterday afternoon but the x-rays showed no bones broken. It's evidently a bad bruise.

While in Sarasota we stayed with my sister, Fannie Yoder, in Pinecraft. She had fallen early last Sunday morning and found it very difficult to get around. By the time we left on Sat. morning, she was walking a little better.

A group from Clearwater Christian College in Clearwater, Fla., gave a program here Tues. evening. Pamela Smith from our congregation had attended college there.

Edward J. Yoder

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

July 24--Church attendance Sunday 131, and last Sun. 191. George Myvett from Belize and Marvin Yoder from the Dade City Outreach preaching. Hymn-sing in the evening.

The David Yoder family of 12 from El Salvador are coming to stay a couple weeks in the States. Will be staying in our adjoining apt.

The Mel Mast family are moving in one of Wally Zook's houses on Richardson Rd. They are in the yard-caring business. Lately Mel and his boys had a harrowing experience. They contract yards by the month as a rule. At one place, while mowing, they detected a foul odor coming out of a house. They inquired at the neighbors if they saw the owner lately, which they had not for a couple weeks. It was a woman living alone. They called the law out and found her dead in the garage in the car. The local paper did not give any report as yet.

This morning Mel's wife, Ann asked me if I heard the commotion last night? Their daughter Rhoda was preparing to retire about 1 a.m. When she entered the bathroom door she spied a window peeper at the window, in the act of raising the window. She called Mel and by his screaming scared the peeper off.

They again called the law and tracked him by bloodhound to the ditch behind the house. He probably got wet feet and pants.

Mose J. Mast had a light stroke and is in Doctor's Hospital. The left side paralyzed.

Mrs. Millie Overholt is to come home from the hospital Thursday.

The Mahlon Yoders are here for a short visit. His son, the Kenny Yoders, are moving here and will take over the Ready Cleaned Business of Alvin Stutzman. Mahlons will be going up again next week and help another son Vernon and family move to Fla. about Aug. 6th.

Our neighbor that buried their horse, Gold Dust, age 35, now has a dapple grey in the same pasture.

I had better explain about our Miller reunion being held Mon., Sept. 3 instead of the first as I had it written. It is considered our "Abner Benj" family reunion. But we would be happy to have any of our cousins on the Troyer or Miller side attend. It is being held at the Henry Yoder residence, Shipshewana, Ind. First road west of Rt. 5 on Rt. 20, north the third house and home of Wana Carriage.

Mose & Mary

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

July 29--We are still getting rain, not quite every day, which keeps the yardman busy getting the grass cut.

Mose J. Mast was in the hospital, having had a stroke, affecting his left side. Is at home now, but needs to take therapy.

Junior Bontrager is again a patient in the hospital because of complications. Levi Yoder has his good and bad days.

Min. Amos Horst and wife, Mary, made a 4-day trip to near Houston, Texas to visit their dau. Mary Ellen, who will soon be going to Belize.

Ruby H. Yoder came back to her Fla. home after being in Mexico for several months teaching a language class.

Mrs. Noah Stutzman and Jerry Troyers (her dau. Tillie) from Golden City, Mo. have returned back from Ind. after the funeral of Noah. Jerrys plan to leave for home first of this week and Fannie plans to go with them to attend a reunion on her side relation.

Our Schrock reunion was held at the Topeka, Ind. area yesterday, the 28th, and we missed being there.

Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

July 30--A beautiful morning. Still dry and pretty hot, 94° at 8:45.

Robert Smiths were at Bethel last week. Robert was to teach at Bethel Camp in Hardshell, Ky.

Rachel Yoder and Lisa Stoltzfus were here from Montezuma, Ga. yesterday.

There was a wedding in Sarasota, Fla. Sat. Michael Nissley of here was married there.

Dannie Schlabach, son of Evangel Schlabach of here and Yolanda Yoder of Grantsville are to be married next Saturday.

Enos Mulletts of Sarasota were at our service yesterday morning.

Nelson Ziesets of Pa. were also here yesterday morning. They are interested in the prison capital of the U.S., as there are two prisons at Sneads that are right side by side, one at Chattahoochee and one at River Junction. Now they have built one south of Blountstown and one just east of Bristol. These two are both new.

These two new ones used a lot of prison labor and therefore saved a lot of money.

Last summer when we were building the house for the folks where the wife is a

quadraplegic, we could not find any sheet rock hangers, so one of the committee members checked at the Blountstown prison, and they let us have three prisoners and one supervisor. They worked four weeks and we were well pleased with their work.

When we were ready for ceramic tile in the bathroom, we asked about a tile setter. They told us they have one, but they won't let him out of the gate unless he has handcuffs on.

Our youth group was at the Dan Benedict home in Monticello for a mystery supper Sat. night and for church service Sunday morning.

Our great-granddaughter, Noelle Smith, 19-month-old daughter of Paul and Melody Smith, has a broken leg just above the ankle. Last week we reported that the x-ray showed it was not broken. The doctor hadn't noticed it when he read the x-ray last Sunday afternoon, but when the radiologist read it the first of last week, he found the break. She has a cast on for three weeks. Her parents don't really know what happened as she is too little to tell them. Her mother heard her scream and found her on the floor on her hands and knees with a toy beside her. She doesn't seem to mind her cast.

Sarasota, Florida

Noah J. Stutzman, age 78 yrs., 11 mos., 16 days. Born July 29, 1911 at Haven, Kansas; passed away in Pinecraft, Fla. July 15, 1990, at his home at 11:00 p.m. from a heart attack. He was the son of Jacob and Tillie (Mullet) Stutzman. He was married 53 years, 6 months and 16 days. Married on Jan. 28, 1937 to Fannie (Yoder) Stutzman at Hydro, Okla. To this union were born Susan Fern, married to David Yoder of Brookfield, Mo.; Tillie, married to Jerry Troyer, Golden City, Mo.; Edith, married to Orva Petersheim, Topeka, Ind.; Herman, married to Dorothy Petersheim, Coalgate, Ok.; Delbert, married to Wilma Borntrager, Shipshewana, Ind.; 31 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, which could all be at the funeral. Those preceding him in death are his parents, 4 brothers, 1 sister, 1 grandson. He accepted Christ in His youth and was a faithful member of the Amish church till his death. Had a great concern for his church, family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Body was laid at Topeka, Ind.

Grandpa dear has gone home,
Never more on earth to roam;
He has left all toil and care,
And in heaven he will share;
The joys of those who've gone before,
Waiting on the other shore.

Oh, Lord, our hearts are bleeding,
Oh, Lord, our hearts are sore;
We want to grasp the meaning,
Of taking our loved one o're.

Grandpa was the father,
Of an earthly family;
We simply can find no other.

Who can take his place, can we?
Oh, those memories are so dear,
We will always treasure them here.

We can still hear Grandpa praying,
For his children, grandchildren and all;
He could also be heard singing,
As he filled his Saviour's call.

It was his desire that we,
True to God would always be;
Friends and relatives, one to all,
Let's be ready for that call.
We know not how soon 'twill be,
It might be quite suddenly.

With his kind and open manner,
He could talk with any stranger;
Let's all strive together,
To meet on that heavenly shore,
But we have that pain to bear,
Of the parting we must share.

-These words are shared together with
hissorrowing Wife, Children & Grandchildren.
Poem written by Granddaughters,
Elnora & Elverta Yoder

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLA.

Aug. 6--We had a shower last evening, about .4". We would like more.

Quite a few of our number were absent from church yesterday. Some were to Maryland for Dannie Schlabbach's wedding and Ivan Nissleys were to Montezuma, Ga.

We plan to leave Aug. 13 for Ind., Ohio, Pa., and then to Va. To Ind. for that nationwide conference, to Sugarcreek, Oh. for *The Budget* reunion, to Pa. to visit our son and family, then to Va. to be with my wife's folks, the Perry Showalters, for a while.

Willis and Tammie Eby moved back to Wisconsin. They have moved back and forth several times.

We heard Carl Ebys are thinking of moving back to the Plain City area. They are not too sure yet.

The girl from Holland that is at Steve Yoder's said she drove over a rattlesnake and killed it. She then cut the rattles off to take back home with her. Now she found out that some people skin them and preserve the skin, so now she wants another one so she can take the skin home.

In one place of business here in Blountstown they have 2 python snake skins. One is, I would guess, about 12 ft. long and the other about 8 ft. long. Some people think they are pretty, but as for me, I have not seen a pretty snake.

Ben Yoders had their pickup truck stolen from their yard back in May and had never been able to find any trace of it. Then last Sun. afternoon Monroe (Ben's father) got a call from the local police saying it had been found in Mobile, Ala., during a routine traffic check. On Wed. Monroe and his son-in-law, Elam Stoltzfus, went to Mobile and brought it home. It has seen a lot of hard wear and some changes were made on it, but it still runs. It will be a pleasant surprise for Bens to find their truck when they return from Greece, where they have been serving with Teen Missions.

Edward J. Yoder

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

Aug. 8--Church attendance Sunday was 163. A week ago it was 169. Preaching by Daniel Miller and Lester Gingerich. Some were to Dade City.

The David Yoder family from El Salvador was here and Sun. eve. David gave a report on the A.M.A. Missions located there. The family also sang songs new to us. Simon Yoder and Ben Miller came by van to take the family to Ga. and they want to visit other states.

Our temperature is normal, 95 to 98° every day. Sat. we had 2½ in. rain in 45 min., but we need more already.

Saturday is the yearly schoolhouse and yard cleaning before school starts. We are still looking for teachers. If I was not so terribly old and forgetful I might try for it?

The Mahlon Yoders are here for a short spell. His brother Joe is here also and helping "Budget" scribe Mattie Miller make arrangements for their forthcoming marriage Aug. 18. Spites me that we can not attend, but we can only be at one place at one time and we are looking forward to meeting or making new friends at Sugarcreek, Oh. and other states at that time.

Mose J. Mast is improving and is at a Rehabilitation Institute Center, 3251 Proctor Rd. He has been there 2 weeks and has 2 more weeks to go. Best time for visitation is 7 to 8 p.m.

Today noon the center is sponsoring the meal at Der Dutchman for him and other invalids, including Eli S. Miller.

Mose and Mary

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Aug. 6--Weather remains warm and humid. Sat. eve. had a very welcome rain of 1 2/10 inch.

Mrs. Anna Manns and Josh went to Ohio where Josh will be getting some more treatments, and they also plan to attend a wedding.

The David Stoltzfus family are vacationing in different states.

The David Yoders and 9 children of El Salvador spent a week in Pinecraft and were planning to leave this morn. for Ga.

Joe Yoder of Mich. arrived a week ago to assist with the final preparation and planning of the big event which is to take place Aug. 18th, when the writer will become his bride.

Maryetta Yoder has been laid up over a week with a whiplash she received when a guy wrecked into her car as she was stopping at a red light. The guy was from Hungary and he tried to tell the police that Maryetta was in the wrong cause she didn't get out of his way. Well, the police told him this is America and if there is a red light you stop, and he was given a ticket.

Simon Yoder of Ga. and Ben Miller of Alabama spent the weekend in Sarasota. Simon came to see his special friend Sara Joy Beiler.

Mahlon Yoders were to Dade City on Sunday.

Mose Mast had a stroke and spent a few days in hospital, but is now at the rehab.
Mattie L. Miller

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

Aug. 12--We are having some hot weather.

A few farmers are harvesting corn. Most of the peanuts are looking pretty good this year. The rows are grown completely together. You cannot see any ground at all between the rows.

Curtis Overholt is in the Marianna Hosp. an account of his leg which is not healing as it should. It was broken June 12. He was in the hosp here for a while, then went home for a while, but it did not heal properly. He has been a muscular dystrophy patient since he was small. They operated and put in a plate and pin to hold it in place. He is about 38 years old and his bro. Larry is about 43. I am not quite sure of their ages, but they both have that disease. They are both on electric wheelchairs and need a lot of care. They have 2 bros. that have normal health.

Steve Yoders' dau. Margaret and 2 of the Dan Benedict girls, Suzanne and Beth, traveled to northern Ontario week before last. Suzanne had spent 2 years in V.S. there sometime ago.

Margaret Yoder, who was adopted as a baby when Steves were in mission work in that area, wanted to go back and visit her own Indian people. Reports are that she is glad for her adopted family and is ready to come home now. They are expecting to return by Tues.

Andy, son of Mike and Miriam Taylor, is to go to the hosp. tomorrow. He has had ear infection off and on since he was a little baby. They want to put tubes in to drain his ears.

Myron Schrock is home from his school in Gainesville for a 2-week vacation.

Edward J. Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Aug. 12--We Sarasotians are wishing for rain. Yards are losing their greenness.

Amos and Mary Horst, taking Ella Troyer and Elizabeth Mott along, went to Hartville, Ohio to attend the wedding of Fannie Miller and Raymond Hershberger. So with Amos not being here, Perry Miller from Sunnyside cong. presented the Word of God to us.

The Richard Yoder family have gone to Topeka, Ind. area on a 2-week vacation visiting homefolks.

Mahlon and Mary Boley expect to take a week's trip to Austria in behalf of a Shaklee convention.

Lydia Schlabach of Holmes Co., Ohio and a winter resident here, will be spending a week here, then goes back to Ohio again till the latter part of Oct. or around the first of Nov.

This coming Sat., the 18th, is expected to be the big day for Budget scribe Mattie L. Miller of here and Joe Yoder of Mich., when they will join hands in holy matrimony. Understand they will then go to his home in Mich. for the rest of the summer.

Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

Dade City, Florida

Funeral services for Monroe E. Miller, 83, who passed away Aug. 6, were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Coleman and Ferguson Chapel with Rev. Fred Rohland and Rev. Wesley White officiating. Interment in Sunset Memory Gardens, Tampa. A native of Holmes County, Ohio, he came here in 1980 from Tampa. He had been a residential contractor in the New Philadelphia, Ohio area, and was a member of Calvary Assembly of God Church. Survivors include his wife, Alta Mae Miller, Dade City; son, Joe M. Miller, Tampa; 3 daughters, Alice M. Hinkle, Tampa; Patricia M. Ashburn, Dade City, and Marie M. Todd, Port St. Joe, Fl.; 5 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 4 brothers, Homer Miller, Belton, S.C., William Miller, Wooster, Ohio, Eli Miller, Sun City, Az., and Andrew Miller, Panama City, Fl.; 2 sisters, Sarah Snider, Wooster, Ohio, and Mattie Yoder, Fredericksburg, Ohio.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Fredericksburg, Ohio

Aug. 24--The writer has been visiting here in this vicinity since last Sat. I was a weekend guest of Esther Miller of Sugar-creek, now staying at Levi Gingerichs'.

William L. Gingerichs of Kans. left Mon. by plane for home. They came on Wed. to attend the funeral of Sam Yoder on Thurs. and the Dan and Linda Shetler wedding on Sat.

Tues. dinner guests at Mrs. Crist D. Yoder's were Mrs. Josie Miller, Mrs. Sara Miller, Mrs. Ella Keim, Mrs. Levi Gingerich, Mrs. Roy Kline, the writer of Fla., Mrs. Eddie Miller and Mrs. Raymond Miller.

Tues. afternoon visitors with Sarah Weaver and Davey Millers were Mrs. Ella Keim, Jake M. Weaver and Ella Troyer of Fla.

Ernest Yoders of Ia. were visitors at Levi Gingerichs' on Mon.

Mrs. Jake W. Detweiler of Middle-field, Oh. who had a 4-hr. back surgery on Wed. is doing pretty good. Was in I.C.U. till Thurs. evening.

The Jake M. Weavers have planned to leave this weekend for Can. to visit their son Art and family.

John Fisher and Gid Stoltzfus of Pa. spent a couple of days at John M. Shetlers'.

Plans are for Amos Horsts of Fla. who are attending a meeting in Ind. will pick me up at Walnut Creek tomorrow p.m. and head for Sarasota.

Fri. evening supper guests with Aden Keims and family were Mrs. Levi Gingerich, Mrs. Ella Keim, Katie Miller and the writer.

Mrs. E. T.

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